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SIR:

In response to office action dated February 13, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, please delete the paragraph at lines 23-34, and insert the following new paragraph:

--The present inventor has realized that the problem can be solved by means of an arrangement described hereinafter. Around each connection there is a separation zone created by a separation groove. The separation groove is preferably designed approximately like a quarter circle segment. Into the separation zone only that medium is allowed entry which flows in or out through the connection. Within the separation zone there is a blocked-off